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LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION FOR OLD AGE PENSION AND NATIONAL FAMILY ASSISTANCE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation for old age pension and national family assistance;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposals for additional allocation for the said schemes; and

(c) if so, the action being taken in this regard and the amount of allocation proposed to be increased?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Recently in August, 2004, the total Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for National Social Assistance Programme (which includes National Old Age Pension Scheme and National Family Benefit Scheme) and Annapurna for 2004-05 has been enhanced from Rs. 679.87 cr. to Rs. 1189.87 cr.

(b) & (c): In 2002, the Planning Commission had received a communication from Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh to increase the ACA for NSAP from Rs. 54 cr. to Rs. 76 cr. Consequent to the overall enhancement of ACA for NSAP and Annapurna for 2004-05, the share of Madhya Pradesh has increased from Rs. 54.05 cr. to Rs. 76.45 cr in August 2004. In March, 2005, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh requested the Ministry of Rural Development

(MORD) for an additionality of Rs. 11.695 cr. for 2004-05 for NSAP. For 2005-06, an ACA of Rs. 86.138 cr. was also requested for. In view of the request of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, the Ministry of Rural Development (MORD) recommended an additionality of Rs. 23.39 cr. as one time ACA under NSAP during 2004-05 for Madhya Pradesh to the Ministry of Finance on 31.03.2005. But the same was not considered by the Ministry of Finance.